IN THE SPECIFICATION:

PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please replace the paragraph on page 31, lines 2-11 with the following corrected paragraph:

Fig. 6 is a flowchart reflecting an algorithm executed by operation of embodiments of the present invention in adding a node to a configuration or domain. Discussion about adding a node was presented in connection with Figs. [[4/4A]] 4A/4B above, and is applicable here. Initially, in block 601, the global administrator decides to add a new node to an existing configuration of nodes (either a subnet or an entire network), and selects the new node by way of IP addresses shown in the configure domain dialog box in the GUI (to be described in connection with Figs. 13 and 14). In block 602, the global administrator chooses between adding the new node into the configuration by way of the existing master node or by way of another node (a portal node) existing within the configuration.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 55, line 4 and ending on page 56, line 4 with the following corrected paragraph:

In the Subnets to Add edit control the global administrator types in the address of a subnet which he/she wishes to have scanned to discover any available systems (systems unaligned to any master node) that are also compatible with other nodes in the domain which the global administrator is in the process of configuring or re-configuring. For

example, nodes or storage systems or servers which fall into the category of Common

Information Model Object Manager (CIMOM) systems or servers are mutually

compatible. Note that this address is not a full four-segment IP address, but is a subnet

address or identifier (ID) having only three segments. The "A" button located to the right

of the Subnets To Add edit control is used [[to]] for moving contents of that edit control

to the Subnets to Scan list control located to the right of the button, thereby populating

that list control field which is initially empty when the dialog is brought up. A populated

list control field thus reflects certain subnets which the global administrator wishes to

scan. As can be seen, in this example subnet address "10.14.12" is the last subnet that

was added to the Subnets to Scan field, as it is located at bottom of three subnet addresses

shown in that field. The global administrator uses the screen cursor to highlight one or

more subnets listed and hits the Scan button to the right of the list control to start a

discovery operation on those highlighted subnets. The discovery operation will cause a

display in the progress bar to show percentage of completion of scan operation. The Scan

button is disabled from time that scanning is started until it is finished. The Clear button

is used for clearing contents of list control, this button being enabled only if the global

administrator selects (highlights) a subnet listed in the list control. The Clear button is

disabled and a subnet cannot be highlighted in the list control field when scan operation

is in progress. The Stop Scan button is used to stop scan operation which was started by

hitting the Scan button, and will be enabled only if there is a scan in progress.